

2020

Chardonnay

Willamette Valley AVA



Winemaker's Notes

The 2020 Willamette Valley Chardonnay is a blend from several of the region's best vineyards and thus provides complex aromas and flavor. On the nose, this wine begins with an abundance of tropical fruit and floral notes that leap from the glass. Bright acidity and subtle minerality mesh with fresh fruit notes of white peach and Meyer Lemon to provide a complete and balanced palate.

Technical Notes

Harvest date:	10/3/2020	AVA:	Willamette Valley
Brix:	19.9°	Blend:	100% Chardonnay
pH:	3.42	Aging:	9 Months
Alcohol:	13.0%	New Oak:	30%
RS:	0 g/L		

The Vintage

In a globally unexpected year, we had an unexpected vintage for Willamette Valley wines as well. Yields were slightly decreased due to early spring temperature fluctuations. Light April frost reduced budding by a fractional amount, and June bloom was tempered by cooler and wetter weather than desired. This led to smaller berries and the loss of some clusters. When the moisture abated, the lead-up to harvest was mild, allowing a lengthy phenolic ripening period and concentrated fruit due to the smaller berries and yield.

Like much of the West Coast, our area experienced outbreaks of small forest fires just before harvest time. We partner with vineyards around the valley, and were able to closely monitor the fruit for any issues. Luckily we were able to go through with a normal harvest and ended up with ripe, concentrated, perfectly delicious fruit. Slow hangtime on the vine is always a good thing, and the 2020 vintage is shaping up to compete with the best of them.

The Soléna Story

After successful careers in the Oregon wine industry, the husband and wife team of Laurent Montalieu and Danielle Andrus Montalieu purchased an 80-acre estate to commemorate their marriage. In May 2002, they launched Soléna by releasing their first bottling and, shortly thereafter, opening a tasting room in Carlton. Soléna is the combination of the Spanish and French words Solana and Soleil, celebrating the sun and the moon, and the name that Laurent and Danielle gave to their daughter.

Soléna Estate began as a way to explore winemaking with other varietals grown in neighboring appellations while the family's young Domaine Danielle Laurent vineyard in the Yamhill-Carlton AVA matured. In May 2007, Danielle and Laurent added the spectacular Hyland Vineyard in the McMinnville AVA to their estate vineyard holdings. Today Laurent and Danielle are producing world-class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from their estate vineyards.

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